

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable device for receiving an electronic component used for communication, the portable device

5 comprising:

a portable device body for accommodating the electronic component, the portable device body including an upper case and a lower case, each having a cavity; and

10 a holding member for holding peripheral portions of the upper case and the lower case so that the upper case and the lower case are connected to each other with the cavities opposed to each other.

2. The portable device according to claim 1, wherein
15 the holding member holds the upper case and the lower case so as to surround the portable device body.

3. The portable device according to claim 1, wherein:
the upper case includes a first flange extending along
20 the peripheral portion of the upper case;

the lower case includes a second flange extending along the peripheral portion of the lower case; and

the holding member has an inner surface including an engaging groove engaged with the first and second flanges
25 when the upper case and the lower case are connected to each other.

4. The portable device according to claim 1, further comprising a seal arranged between the upper case and the
30 lower case.

5. The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the portable device body is made of a synthetic resin, and

the holding member is made of a metal that is more rigid than the portable device body.

6. The portable device according to claim 1, wherein
5 the holding member is made of metal and covers only the peripheral portions of the upper case and the lower case when the upper case and lower case are connected to each other.

10 7. The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the holding member includes a plurality of holding member pieces, wherein adjacent ones of the holding member pieces are in contact with each other at a location separated from the center of a side of the portable device.

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8. The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the holding member includes two holding member pieces that are made of the same material and have the same shape, with the two holding member pieces holding the peripheral
20 portions of the upper case and the lower case.

9. The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the holding member includes two holding member pieces attached to the portable device in directions intersecting a
25 line perpendicular to the plane of the portable device.

10. The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the holding member includes two rectangular frame-like pieces attached to the portable device body in directions
30 that are perpendicular to the plane of the portable device.

11. A portable device for receiving an electronic component used for communication, the portable device

comprising:

a portable device body made of a synthetic resin for accommodating the electronic component, wherein the portable device body includes an upper case and a lower case, each

5 having a cavity; and

a holding member for detachably holding peripheral portions of the upper case and the lower case so that the upper case and the lower case are connected to each other with the cavities opposed to each other, the holding member

10 being made of metal that is more rigid than the portable device body and including a plurality of holding member pieces, wherein adjacent ones of the holding member pieces are in contact with each other at a location separated from the center of a side of the portable device.

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